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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy # 09-02, Officer Misconduct

1. PURPOSE. To establish our policy for administering officer misconduct cases.
2. POLICY/PROCEDURES.
 - a. As General Court-Martial Convening Authority, I withhold from subordinate commanders the authority to take disciplinary action on officer (commissioned and warrant) misconduct cases. This reservation of authority includes courts-martial, nonjudicial punishment under Article 15, UCMJ, reprimands, adverse counseling, and other adverse administrative actions. It also includes the decision to take no disciplinary action at all.
 - b. Commanders will report all allegations of officer (commissioned and warrant) misconduct to me directly, or through the Staff Judge Advocate, within 24 hours of the allegation. Reports may be verbal or by email (with a copy to the Staff Judge Advocate). At the appropriate time, commanders will make recommendations for the disposition of officer misconduct cases, which may include recommendations for disposition by subordinate commanders.
 - c. Requests for me to administer nonjudicial punishment or take other disciplinary action against officers will be processed through the chain of command to the Criminal Law Division of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Requests will include evidence supporting and explaining the allegations, the commander's evaluation of the officer and Officer Record Brief (ORB).
 - d. Disciplinary action taken in violation of this policy is invalid and will be set aside.
3. SUPERSESSON. This memorandum supersedes the previous command policy dated 21 Sep 01, subject as above.
4. PROPONENCY. The proponent for this Command policy is the Staff Judge Advocate, 6-0624.


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